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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Tax Security Liaisons
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Completion of IRS/IEVS Matches
for Tax Years 1996 and 1997

This is a follow-up to Medicaid Communication 98-25, dated December 24, 1998, in which you were advised of the completion of scheduling for the matching of IRS/IEVS data against Tax Year 1996. Unfortunately, due to Y2K-related priorities at the State's data center and other operational difficulties, we were unable to adhere to the schedule outlined in that communication.

Generally, new applicant monthly matches run from July to the following June and are matched against data from the previous IRS Tax Year. New applicant data is matched on a monthly basis except for the month of October. File month October is used to match all current beneficiaries to produce the Annual Run.

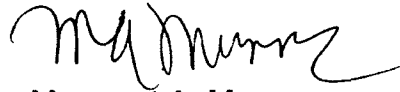
Due to the reasons cited above, and in an effort to "catch-up", we are planning to implement an aggressive matching schedule in the following manner.

- To complete monthly matching for Tax Year 1996, new applicant data for the months of April and May 1998 are being combined, with output expected in late October 1999. Please note that file months February and March 1998 are not being included in this run due to the fact that the data is unreadable by our data center. In addition, file month June 1998 is also not available for inclusion due to a problem that occurred at the IRS data center.
- In lieu of a monthly match schedule against Tax Year 1997, the last file month, June 1999, will be used to generate the Annual Run data for all current beneficiaries on the Medicaid Eligibility File. You can anticipate the receipt of this data in late December 1999.

Once the above two processes are complete, we will advise you of the matching schedule to be implemented for processing data against Tax Year 1998 data. In addition, the IRS codes for Tax Year 1997 are attached for your reference in reading the FD-348 forms.

We realize that this effort will again require concentration of staff time to process the combined match information, and request your cooperation in this matter. Any questions concerning this Communication should be directed to Ginni Jaslar of the Division's Office of Information Systems at (609) 588-2762.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Murray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Margaret A. Murray
Director

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Attachment

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